

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently pending. In the February 13, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner:

1. Rejected claims 1, 3-6 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Bell (U.S. Patent No. 5,463,191);
2. Rejected claim 2 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bell in view of Yokono (U.S. Patent No. 5,150,005);
3. Rejected claim 8 as obvious over Bell in view of Curcio (U.S. Patent No. 6,452,117);
4. Rejected claims 9-20 as obvious over Bell in view of Stevens (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,356) in view of Nakazawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,349) and further in view of Curcio; and
5. Allowed claim 7.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment that claim 7 is allowable.

As to the rejections, Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants note that claim 1 has been amended for purposes of clarity only. IN particular, claim 1 now recites that the printed circuit board comprises a part that is to be sealed from moisture and that the sealing member is selected to provide such sealing from moisture.

102(b) Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6 as anticipated by Bell. Claims 1, 3-6 are not anticipated unless each and every element is taught or suggested by Bell. Applicants respectfully submit that Bell does not teach "a glass substrate" as recited in independent claim 1. Bell only

teaches a fiberglass substrate. *See* Bell, 4:61-64. Moreover, Bell does not teach that the glass substrate protects the printed circuit board, particularly from moisture.

103(a) Rejection

The Examiner also rejected all of the remaining claims as obvious by combining Bell with various other references. The Examiner's rejections based on obviousness all fail however, as all are based on the premise that Bell teaches a "glass circuit board." As discussed above, Bell does not teach a glass substrate. Accordingly, claims 2, and 8-20 are not obvious over Bell in view of either Yokono, Curcio, Stevens, or Nakazawa.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all pending rejections and allow claims 1-20.

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